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1. This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 02/28/06.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-10,12-17 and 31-35.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Colin Harris on 10/18/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

- Page 18, line 17, deleted "according to claim 1,"
- Page 19, line 4, deleted "according to claim 2,"
- Page 20, line 17, deleted "(claim 3)"
line 23, deleted "(claim 4)"
- Page 21, line 4, deleted "(claim 5)"
line 12, deleted "(claim 6)"
- Page 22, line 22, deleted "(claim 7)"

line 24, deleted "(claim 8)"

- Page 23, line 1, deleted "(claim 9)"

line 6, deleted "(claim 10)"

line 7, deleted "as claimed in claim 1,"

line 11, deleted "(claim 11)"

line 13, deleted "as claimed in claim 1,"

line 16, deleted "(claim 12)"

- Page 24, line 1, deleted "according to claim 13,"

line 12, deleted "as claimed in claim 13,"

line 17, deleted "(claim 14)"

- Page 25, line 1, deleted "(claim 15)"

line 3, deleted "according to claim 15"

line 4, deleted "of claim 6"

line 14, deleted "of claim 13"

line 21, deleted "as claimed in claim 13"

- Page 26, line 4, deleted "(claim 16)"

line 7, deleted "(claim 20)"

- Page 27, line 1, deleted “according to claim 21,”
line 7, deleted “according to claim 22,”
line 8, deleted “as claimed in claim 21”
line 12, deleted “according to claim 23”
line 14, deleted “as claimed in claim 22”
line 18, deleted “according to claim 24”
line 20, deleted “as claimed in claim 21”
line 23, deleted “according to claim 25”
line 25, deleted “as claimed in claim 21”
- Page 28, line 3, deleted “according to claim 26”
line 5, deleted “as claimed in claim 21”
line 8, deleted “according to claim 27,”
line 10, deleted “as claimed in claim 26”
line 13, deleted “according to claim 28”
line 15, deleted “as claimed in claim 21”
line 18, deleted “according to claim 29,”
- Page 29, line 5, deleted “according to claim 30”
line 7, deleted “as claimed in claim 29”
line 9, deleted “according to claim 31,”
line 18, deleted “according to claim 32”

line 20, deleted "as claimed in claim 31"

line 24, deleted "according to claim 33"

- Page 30, line 1, deleted "as claimed in claim 31"

line 4, deleted "according to claim 34"

line 7, deleted "as claimed in claim 31"

line 9, deleted "according to claim 35,"

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hai C. Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-2260. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30AM - 5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vip Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2458. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER
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